A.M. and throughout the day on National holidays and Sundays, the STD charges are half the normal rates.

Investment and Output Ratio of Top Ten Business Houses

505. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the investment and output ratio of top ten business houses of the country during this fiscal year; and

(b) what was the ratio during the last fiscal year with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The desired information for the fiscal years 1987-88 and 1988-89 is not available. However, a Statement showing assets, turnover and assets: turnover ratio during 1986-87 (accounting years ending April, 1986 to March, 1987) of companies registered under section 26 of the MRTP Act and belonging to the top ten business houses ranked according to their assets in 1986-87 is annexed.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the House	Assets	Turnover	Assets: Turnover ratio
1.	Tata	4940	4940	1 : 1.0
2.	Birla	4771	4360	1 : 0.9
3.	Reliance	2022	951	1 : 0.5
4.	J.K. Singhania	1427	1143	1 : 0.8
5.	Thapar	1151	1060	1 : 0.9
6	Mafatlal	1050	1231	1 : 1.2
7.	Modi	860	1104	1 : 1.3
8.	Larsen & Toubro	831	560	1 : 0.7
9.	M.A. Chidambaram	808	432	1 : 0.5
10.	Bajaj	778	847	1 : 1.1

Modernisation and Renovation of Power Stations

506. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the programme formulated by the Central Electricity Authority for modernisation and renovation of hydro power stations;

(b) to what extent this programme has been implemented in States, Statewise; and

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred on implementation of these programmes, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) A scheme for renovation and uprating of 49 Hydro Power Stations in the country having a total installed capacity of 8834 MW has been formulated by the Central Electricity Authority. An estimated expenditure of Rs. 278 crores, is expected to yield additional capacity of the order of 507 MW.

(b) and (c) Action has been initiated to prepare project reports for individual units.

New Power Projects

507. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power generation projects set up and functioning in the country during the last three years, Statewise;

(b) the names of places where these projects have been set up;

(c) the quantum of power generated by these projects; and

(d) the total amount of money involved in these projects and total number of staff working in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given in Annexures

I [(*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 17) & II (*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 18)].

(d) A project generally consists of more than one units. As the project is appraised and sanctioned as a composite entity, the precise amount of money involved in the commissioning of each unit and the deployment of the staff thereon can not be estimated.

Number of Extra-Departmental Empolyees

508. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of extra departmental employees employed as sub postmasters, branch postmasters and mail carriers in remote rural areas of the country during the last three years Statewise;

(b) the salaries and allowances paid to sub postmasters, branch postmasters and mail carriers per month alongwith their educational qualifications; and

(c) total amount paid as salaries and allowances to these extra departmental employees during the last financial year and so far during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO). (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Allowances paid to them are given in the enclosed annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 19]. Educational qualifications in respect of ED sub postmasters and ED branch postmasters is VIII standard (Matriculation or equivalent preferred). As regards EDMCs, they should have sufficient working knowledge of regional language and simple Arithmatic.

(c) The total expenditure on all categories of ED staff for the year 1987-88 is 103.18 crores and that for the year 1988-89 upto September, 1988 is 60.39 crores.

Number of Postmen

509. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postmen working in the country circlewise as on December 31, 1988;

(b) the corresponding figures of postmen during the years 1982-83; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for increasing the number of postmen as the population has increased tremendously during the years 1983-84 to 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below)

(c) The justification for increased number of postmen based upon the workload is being assessed. The additional demand, if any, will be taken up with the Ministry of Finance for approval.

Statement

Sl. No.	Circle	Total number of Postmen working as on Dec. 1988 (Approx.)	Corresponding figures during the years 1982-83
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	3544	3865
2.	Assam	950	986
3.	Bihar	2641	2863
4.	Delhi	2531	2783
5	Gujarat	3710	3843
6	Haryana	865	895
7	Himachal Pradesh	391	385
8	Karnataka	3170	3262
9.	Kerala	3044	3182
10.	J. & K.	434	411
11.	Maharashtra	8527	8869
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2437	2180